

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in the application. The final office action mailed 17 November 2009 rejected all claims based on Shaffer (U.S. 5,960,001) in view of Lee (U.S. 6,611,886), with the rejection of claim 20 relying also on Peterson (U.S. 6,301,262). In the Advisory Action mailed 17 February 2010 the Examiner suggested that the claims may amended to overcome the Shaffer reference by distinguishing Applicants' switchable network, e.g., the switched network 15, from a shared medium network. Accordingly, claims 1, 6 and 10 are amended such that the feature of being a switchable network is now presented in the body of each of the independent claims 1, 6 and 10.

The Applicants concur with the Examiner's suggestion and present this amendment with all of the claims now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and for at least the reasons presented herein, all of the rejections should be removed and the application should be passed to allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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